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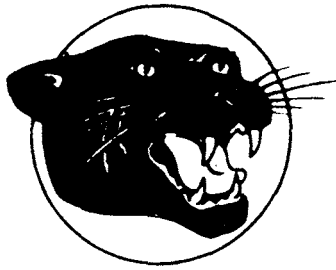
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CHARLESTON, IL (Jan. 8, 1986)--Eastern Illinois women's basketball player CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) has been selected the Gateway Conference Player-of-the-Week for the week ending Jan. 4.

The senior forward scored 50 points and grabbed 17 rebounds while leading the Lady Panthers to victories over league-rivals Wichita State (95-80) and SW Missouri (86-70). Aldridge scored 30 points and recorded eight boards against SW Missouri; she tallied 20 points, nine rebounds, eight assists, one block and three steals against Wichita State.

The 5-10, 150-pounder leads the Lady Panthers in scoring (19.9) and rebounding (6.5). Aldridge is also among the conference leaders in field goal shooting while leading Eastern to a 10-2 start. The All-Gateway Conference performer received a similar honor a year ago.